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Office Action Summary

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10/608,382

Applicant(s)

KEANE ET AL.

Examiner

Gabriel I. Garcia

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/557,571.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/8/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-14 rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-12 of U. S. Patent No. 6,650,433 (Keane et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 6,088,120 (Shibusawa et al.) .

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows: The receiving and the aggregating means of claim 1 of the current application are read on claim 1, of issued U.S. Patent No.. 6,650,433. U.S. Patent No. 6,650,433 fails to teach the storing the individual print jobs and the associated parameters; and searching the stored parameters to identify individual print jobs having at least some common parameters. U.S. Patent 6,088,120 teaches a managing printing method, teaching storing the individual print jobs and the associated parameters; and searching the stored parameters to identify individual print jobs having at least some common parameters (see abstract, and fig. 1). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the method of U.S. Patent No.. 6,650,433 with the means to manage the aggregation of print jobs using the parameters or attributes as taught by U.S. Patent 6,088,120 because of the following reasons: 1) will allow the system of U.S. Patent No.. 6,650,433 to increase printing processing allowing the system to process jobs having similar parameters or attributes; and 2) as suggested by U.S. Patent 6,088,120 in col. 2, lines 12-48.

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Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant was prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application during prosecution of the application which matured into a patent. See *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350, 158 USPQ 210 (CCPA 1968). See also MPEP § 804.

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it appears not to be drawn to the claimed invention. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Barry et al. (6,850,335) teaches a method and apparatus for distributing pages to individual print engines in a multiple print engine.

Zuber (2004/0125391) and (6,636,326) teaches a method for calibrating a color marking engine for halftone operation.

Barry et al. (2004/0070788A1) teaches a method and apparatus for routing pages to printers in a multi-print engine as a function of print job parameters.

Mastie et al. (6,498,656) teaches a rule based selection criteria for controlling print job distribution.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel I. Garcia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7434. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-9306.

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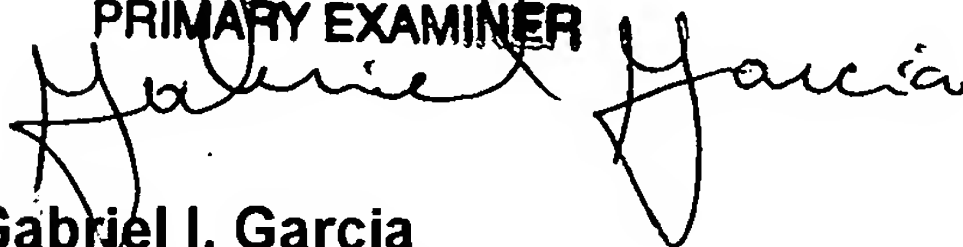
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

GABRIEL GARCIA
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gabriel Garcia", written over the printed name and title.

Gabriel I. Garcia
Primary Examiner
August 21, 2005